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5 January 1978

Budget

MEMORANDUM FOR: Comptroller

FROM : George L. Cary
Legislative Counsel

SUBJECT : 1979 Budget Decisions

1. [] I have just been advised of the most recent decisions on the Agency's budget for FY 1979 and the impact on the offices in the DCI area.

2. [] Right now the bulk of my people are working a 50 to 60 hour week, mostly without overtime, and we are barely able to satisfy all requirements. Our written requests from the Congress have doubled over what they were a year ago and our overall workload has increased even more. We now have Select Committees on Intelligence whose membership in both Houses number 33 with staffs of approximately 75 to 80 people whose principal focus is the DCI and the Intelligence Community as well as CIA. We have six committees of Congress (including the two Select Committees) that are levying requirements on us in their KCIA investigations as well as an Assassination Committee staff of 120 people who are levying requirements on CIA at an unbelievable rate and with strict deadlines (see attached letter from G. Robert Blakey). I have no doubt that our workload will continue to increase in the next few years just as it has in the last few, and I frankly see no way to meet that responsibility without an increase in personnel. With the reduction being put on us, I can predict that my successor will have an unreasonable situation to face. In the long run the DCI will not be well served by this decision.

3. [] There is something particularly distressing about cutting back the current level of an organization which believes it is making an extra effort to keep up with the work. I think this cut will impact on my best people by giving evidence that no one cares about this function. You will recall that the House Appropriations Committee tried to cut OLC by four positions in the FY 78 budget but the Director appealed this item and was able to avert the cut being directed at this office. That was a much appreciated victory for the people who work here. Now, without any apparent reasoned evaluation or judgment the Executive Branch is restoring the House cut. It does not make sense to me, and will certainly have a negative impact on the DCI's relationships with the Congress.

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4. I know you must be swamped with similar pleas by others who have been cut, but I cannot in good conscience let this one go without appealing for restoration of at least the four positions needed to maintain our current strength.

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George L. Cary

Attachment

cc: DCI
Acting DDCI

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Intelligence Community Staff

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Intelligence and Research,
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Chief, Central Security Agency
Director, Defense Intelligence Agency
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Acting Deputy Director, Central
Intelligence Agency
Director, Defense Investigative Program
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Special Assistant for National Security,
Department of the Treasury

FROM: John N. McMahon
Acting Deputy to the DCI for the
Intelligence Community

SUBJECT: House Select Committee Hearings ☐

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25X1 1. ☐ The Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence of the House of Representatives has asked the DCI to send representatives to testify before the Subcommittee on Program and Budget Authorization during the period 19-23 January 1978.

25X1 2. ☐ Mr. Burlison's staff has emphasized that these sessions are a continuation of recent Committee hearings held on November 28-December 1, 1977. These are not budget hearings, per se. Their purpose is to educate the members on specific topics of interest to them in advance of budget authorization hearings.

25X1 3. ☐ The Committee rules require all testimony to be given under oath. The Committee has requested that a written summary of each presentation be prepared and forwarded

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SUBJECT: House Select Committee Hearings [REDACTED]

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to the Committee at least three days in advance of the hearing. Alternatively, a prepared statement, or a copy of the speaker's script and graphic aids may be provided.

25X1 4. [REDACTED] Attached is a schedule of hearings and a proposed list of witnesses. Witnesses can be accompanied by back-ups, but because of limited size of the hearing room (H-405 of the Capitol), back-up personnel should be held to a minimum (one or two per witness).

25X1 5. [REDACTED] Copies of material prepared for delivery to the Committee should be provided to the Intelligence Community Staff 24 hours before submission to the Congress. Witnesses are reminded that they must limit budget discussion to the FY 1978 budget until the President's FY 1979 budget goes to Congress (in late January). The Committee staff advises they and the members are aware of, and will respect, this limitation.

25X1 6. [REDACTED] In response to a request by the Committee, I have appointed a single point of contact to coordinate activities on behalf of the DCI. I have asked [REDACTED] Office of Program and Budget Development, Intelligence Community Staff, to take on this task. He can be reached on [REDACTED]

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Attachment:
Hearing Schedule and Witness List

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